

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 13, 2004. Claims 1-21 and 34-45 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 10-12, and 34-36 are in independent form. Claims 7, 8, 12, 19, 20 and 36 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that Claims 1-6, 10-18 and 34-45.

Initially, Applicant notes that allowed Claims 12 and 36 have been amended to delete duplicative language. These changes are not believed to affect allowability of any claim.

Claims 7-9 and 19-21 were rejected solely under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has carefully reviewed and amended Claims 7, 8, 19 and 20 as deemed necessary to ensure that those claims conform fully to the requirements of Section 112, second paragraph, with special attention to the points raised in section 3 of the Office Action. It is believed that the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph, has been obviated, and its withdrawal is therefore respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 7-9 and 19-21 would be allowable upon the rejection under Section 112 being overcome. accordingly, all claims are believed now to be in condition for allowance, and such action is requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

This Amendment After Final Action is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and, therefore, its entry is believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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